PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, Vermont hosts and values every member of our community from a variety of backgrounds and origins; and

WHEREAS, youth of different backgrounds will speak out on the steps of City Hall to any individuals present about their experiences as multicultural individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has gone to great measures to address the needs of these individuals, and these youth of different cultures and backgrounds will express their hardships; and

WHEREAS, the goal of these youth is to empower other individuals who empathize with their experiences and familiarize those who do not immediately feel comfortable with their identities; and

WHEREAS, while there are several non-profit organizations and groups that focus on benefitting these individuals, it is important for these youth to express their experiences to cultivate their self-esteem and worthiness and enable them to empower themselves; and

WHEREAS, Burlington is proud to be home to such a variety of cultures, backgrounds, and vibrant personalities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2013 to be

YOUTH SPEAK OUT AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I encourage our residents to engage with youth to reach their goals and cultivate aspirations for the future of our City.

Miro Weinberger

Mayor